INTERNET: CHILD SAFETY FIRST

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Both adults and students use technology especially computers, tablets, and the Internet not only because we are now in the modern age, but because it becomes part of our daily lives and routine. People use technology whether in academic or non-academic purposes, for business or personal use.

Becoming tech-savvy is a key skill for many, particularly students. Not only will you know how to use technology tools, but you need to become truly savvy about technology in many ways.

Nowadays, many people even young ones were soaked to this technology and cannot even survive a day without internet. But only few is aware of its danger specially to cyber predators. Children may unknowingly expose their families to internet threats such as accidentally downloading apps that could give cyber criminals access to their parents' bank account or other personal information. Exposing your security by keeping information out of the wrong hands, providing information that can cause harm to someone, sharing more information than is preferred or advisable and worst, losing information.

Social media and online games are today’s virtual playground but 63% of teens agree that through these platforms where serious problem exists such as Cyber Bullying according to enough.org.

Children might not be subject to a scam of millions of pesos, but they still might fall to an online scam such as free access to online games through automatic subscription without being aware of becoming a potential victim by using their parents’ credit cards.
We must protect ourselves to all the lies of technology, but the most important thing is to protect our children. Knowing these internet risks is a matter of awareness, knowing what danger awaits and how to safekeep our information.

The best foundation for protecting our children is to be comfortable talking to them about what is going on in their lives online and in real-life and how to handle it when something is wrong. Cyber security software and expert apps for monitoring your child’s online and mobile activity can help, but nothing will replace an open dialog.

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